

Name
English 8
Ms. Breitman/Ms. Haywood
5 January 2018

Refugee Document-Based Essay (Worth 50 pts) Rough Draft due Wednesday Jan 10. Final Draft due _____

Your FINAL grade of the fourth quarter will be an essay comparing the details of your book group book about refugees to the information provided by the documents you evaluated in class. Your task, is to answer this question in FOUR DETAILED PARAGRAPHS.

Paragraph One

TITLE _____ (Should include a main idea or symbol)

TOPIC SENTENCE (Make a statement about life in the country where the refugees fled or were forced to move) _____

BRIDGE SENTENCE (Explain how both the book and the documents show something about challenges in that country.)

SUMMARY (Explain in 1-2 sentences what the book is about and what types of documents are included)

THESIS (Explain how the documents and the book show similar challenges and what different challenges the documents show that are NOT shown in the book)

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

TITLE

Hopeless in Honduras

TOPIC SENTENCE

Life in Honduras seems hopeless for many children and teens. This is because the country has very high rates of poverty and problems with gang violence.

BRIDGE SENTENCE

Both the nonfiction book *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario and the political cartoons by the *Salt Lake Tribune* and Joe Heller and charts from the Pew Research Center and US Customs and Border Protection show that the rate of unaccompanied teens leaving Honduras and other Central American countries have steadily grown, even while deportation back from America also increases.

SUMMARY

Enrique's Journey tells the story of one teen's journey from Honduras to America to find his mother and also describes how many other teens follow the same path he did through Mexico. The charts, political cartoons, and graphs show how people in North America perceive the problem in Central America.

THESIS

Both the documents and the book show that Honduras is a dangerous place, where drugs are easily available and it is hard to make a living, but the documents focus more on the problems of gangs and the way Americans perceive Central Americans who are coming to America, while *Enrique's Journey* focuses more on poverty.

BODY PARAGRAPH ONE

TOPIC SENTENCE (HOW THE BOOK AND THE DOCUMENTS ARE SIMILAR)

EXAMPLE FROM THE BOOK, INCLUDING A QUOTE AND SCENE DESCRIPTION THAT CONNECTS TO ONE DOCUMENT

_____(#)
CONNECTING EXAMPLE FROM A DOCUMENT, INCLUDING THE SOURCE,
AUTHOR, AND SPECIFIC FACTS OR QUOTE _____

_____(Doc #)
SECOND EXAMPLE FROM THE BOOK, INCLUDING A QUOTE AND SCENE
DESCRIPTION THAT CONNECTS TO ONE DOCUMENT

_____(#)
CONNECTING EXAMPLE FROM A DOCUMENT, INCLUDING THE SOURCE,
AUTHOR, AND SPECIFIC FACTS OR QUOTE _____

_____(Doc #)
CONCLUDING SENTENCE ABOUT HOW THE DOCUMENTS AND BOOK ARE
SIMILAR _____

SAMPLE BODY PARAGRAPH

Both Enrique's Journey and the documents about Honduras show that unaccompanied children are leaving Honduras in large numbers. In Enrique's Journey, the author Sonia Nazario chooses Enrique as one example of many teens taking this journey, to personify the thousands who are facing a similar challenge. She wrote, "In 2000, the year Enrique left to find his mother, he was one of an estimated 48,000 other children and teenagers who left Central America and Mexico to come to the United States." (Nazario 14). The document from US Customs and Border Protection shows a similar trend, with unaccompanied child migrants ranging from a low of 150,000 in 2011 to a high of 56,000 in 2014. (Doc 2). The book and the documents are also similar because it showed that just as the number of illegal immigrant children from Mexico and Central America was increasing, the number of deportations and the anti-immigrant sentiment in America was also growing. For example, Sonia Nazario notes that when Enrique is in jail for having unpaid tickets for driving without a license, the Secure Communities Act allows the United States to deport immigrants who have any type of misdemeanor. She notes "As the federal program was adopted by thousands of police departments, deportations increased 40 percent between fiscal year 2006 and 2011, a year when the United States deported nearly 400,000 immigrants nationwide." (Nazario 210). The cartoon in the Salt Lake Tribune published a cartoon in 2014 showing immigrant children depicted as a ball in a tennis match, being volleed over the border by Barack Obama back to figures of the Grim Reaper, wearing shirts that say war, hunger, poverty, and exploitation. (Document 3). Both the documents and the book show that the rate of immigration of children and teens has grown from Mexico and Central America, and also show that as the rate of immigration increases, so does the rate of deportation from America. It is a vicious cycle.

BODY PARAGRAPH TWO

TOPIC SENTENCE (HOW THE BOOK AND THE DOCUMENTS ARE DIFFERENT)

EXAMPLE FROM THE BOOK, INCLUDING A QUOTE AND SCENE DESCRIPTION
THAT DIFFERS FROM ONE DOCUMENT

____ (#)

CONTRASTING EXAMPLE FROM A DOCUMENT, INCLUDING THE SOURCE,
AUTHOR, AND SPECIFIC FACTS OR QUOTE _____

____ (Doc #)

SECOND EXAMPLE FROM THE BOOK, INCLUDING A QUOTE AND SCENE
DESCRIPTION THAT CONTRASTS TO ONE DOCUMENT

____ (#)

CONTRASTING EXAMPLE FROM A DOCUMENT, INCLUDING THE SOURCE,
AUTHOR, AND SPECIFIC FACTS OR QUOTE _____

____ (Doc #)

CONCLUDING SENTENCE ABOUT HOW THE DOCUMENTS AND BOOK ARE
DIFFERENT _____

SAMPLE PARAGRAPH

A key difference between the documents and the book is that the book focuses more on poverty in Honduras, while the documents include more details about gangs. When Nazario describes Lourdes' reason for leaving Enrique, she focuses on how poor people in Honduras are. Nazario writes, "A good job is out of the question. Lourdes can barely afford food for Enrique and his sister, Belky, who is seven. She has never been able to buy a toy or a birthday cake." (Nazario 20). In contrast, the Gallup poll from 2014 focuses primarily on the crime as a reason that people are leaving Honduras, noting that "In 2012, some 90 people were murdered for every 1000,000 inhabitants" (Doc. 1). Also in the book focuses on the financial gain Lourdes earns in America, noting "There are good months, though, when Lourdes can earn \$1,200 cleaning offices and homes." (Nazario 31). This is much better than Honduras, where Nazario notes that the average person makes \$40 to \$120 a month (Nazario 2). The political cartoon by Joseph Heller from 2013, in contrast, shows that children are mostly leaving their homes to escape gang violence. The cartoon depicts children leaving Central America for the United States saying "We're looking for a safe place away from the endless violence in our countries" (Doc. 4). Clearly, the issue of gang violence has grown more intense in the years between when Enrique left Honduras in 2000 and the rise in gang violence a decade later.

CONCLUSION

RESTATE THESIS

SUMMARIZE LESSONS IN THE BOOK

SUMMARIZE LESSONS IN THE DOCUMENTS

SAMPLE CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

Both Enrique's Journey and the documents show that the rate of immigration from Honduras has grown and explain the desperation that people feel to escape Central America for a better life in North America. However, the book focuses more on the "push factor" of poverty, and the documents focus more on the push factor of gang violence. The book shows that people who are desperate for money will sacrifice time with their children in order to build what they believe will be a more financially stable life for themselves. The documents, however, show that the increase in violence in Honduras, as gangs have filled the space previously occupied by now absent parents, has created a new crisis, with violence making the dangers of the trip to America almost worth it, since life in Honduras is so precarious.